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Serial No.: 09/845,064  
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Transgenic Plants and Plant Parts  
Containing Them, and Methods for  
Obtaining Them

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of five months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002 from August 1, 2002, up to and including January 1, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$980.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18433/2002. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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